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Preserving Balboa Park's Spanish Colonial Architecture

During the 1915-16 Panama-California Exposition, more than 3.7 million visitors toured a miraculous park in the middle of San Diego. Designed by New York architect Bertram Goodhue, Balboa Park's Spanish Colonial buildings charmed the public, and were perhaps the inspiration for what would become Southern California's trademark stucco and red tileroofed homes. Many of these original buildings still stand.

In 1967, a group called The Committee of 100 was formed to preserve and protect the Spanish Colonial architecture that makes Balboa Park so spectacular. For more than three decades The Committee of 100 has raised and contributed millions of dollars to restoring buildings throughout Balboa Park, including the Casa del Prado, the Spreckles Organ Pavilion, and the House of Hospitality. In addition to their restoration efforts, The Committee also offers education programs that teach school-age children about the history and significance of this architecture.

Earlier this week I had the honor of speaking at the annual Committee of 100 luncheon. I learned about The Committee's present and future accomplishments, and spoke about what I can do as a state representative to support their efforts. Balboa Park truly is the cultural heart of our city, and it deserves to not only to be preserved but enhanced.

To learn more about Balboa Park, go to http://www.balboapark.org/.

If you'd like more information on The Committee of 100, go to http://www.c100.org/.

Assemblymember Kehoe addresses The Committee of 100



Protecting your Privacy

Protecting your privacy in today's constantly changing world can be a daunting task. Whether it's your medical information, credit history, personal identity, or annoying telemarketing calls, knowing how to protect yourself is tricky. However, there is help available.

Privacy is an ever-increasingly-important issue to the legislators who represent you. At any given time, there are numerous bills pending that are aimed at affording you more privacy. Last year, my "Junk Fax" bill was signed into law, protecting Californians from having their fax machines hijacked by junk fax advertisers (AB 2944). This year I've got a bill to help protect consumers against inaccurate credit reports (AB 800).

In addition to legislation designed to protect you, there are also organizations that can assist if you need help with anything privacy-related. The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse is a local, nonprofit consumer education, research, and advocacy organization. They offer information and publications to empower you to take action to control your personal information by providing practical tips on privacy protection. For more information, go to their website at http://www.privacyrights.org/, or call (619) 298-3396.

For more information on privacy-related bills, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov and search by bill number, author, or keyword.



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MLK Club Honors San Diego Students

The Martin Luther King Democratic Club's Presidential Student Service Awards (PSSA) ceremony, held in late May, brought together families, teachers, and elected representatives in recognition of San Diego students who have shown exceptional dedication to education and community service.

At the event, I had the privilege of honoring the Youth Coordinators and the PSSA Planning Committee who were involved in the planning and coordination of the awards ceremony. Also attending were Congressmembers Susan Davis and Bob Filner, and San Diego City Councilmember Toni Atkins.

The audience was treated with poetry readings, dancing, and a "stomp team" performance in celebration of the students' outstanding achievements in our community.

Assemblymember Kehoe and Congresswoman Susan Davis enjoy a performance at the MLK Awards event.



Celebrating Fathers

Each year, the third Sunday of June has been set aside as a day to give special tribute to all fathers, who for many of us are the first and most important men in our lives. They give us unconditional love, wisdom, care, and comfort each and every day of the year.

In honor of Father's Day, I presented House Resolution 32 on the Assembly Floor this week. This resolution honors our fathers, both living and deceased, for believing in our dreams and helping us to achieve them. It is a reminder that we should honor our fathers every day of the year.

To read the text of House Resolution 32, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov and search by HR 32.

Rotunda Pride Exhibit Opens

In a ceremony held Tuesday, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Exhibit was officially opened in the rotunda of the State Capitol. The exhibit --- sponsored by Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, Senate President pro Tempore John Burton, and the California Legislative LGBT Caucus, is believed to be the first of its kind in any state capitol in the nation.

The exhibit shows a timeline of events of LGBT communities around the country. This exhibit gives thousands of State Capitol visitors a great opportunity to better understand the lives of LGBT people everywhere. It illustrates, marked with both joys and sorrows, our collective journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual respect for *all* people, while recognizing that we still have a long way to go to overcome prejudice and discrimination.

At the ceremony, Governor Gray Davis' Deputy Chief of Staff and Cabinet Secretary, Daniel Zingale unveiled the Governor's proclamation designating June 2003 as "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month."

For more information on the State Capitol, go to http://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/.

For more information on the organization that designed the exhibit, the Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange of Sacramento, go to http://www.lavenderlibrary.org/.

Prop MM and San Diego City Schools

Do you need a quick update on the status of the Proposition MM at San Diego City Schools? Click on the link below for the 2003 fact sheet, which includes a quick summary of progress. Proposition MM is the \$1.51 billion bond measure that is funding modernization at more than 160 schools and construction of 16 new and rebuilt schools. Link: http://sandi.net/comm/factsheets/03MMupdate.pdf

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